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**Worship. Connect.  
Serve. Devote.**

JOIN US from the safety of your home or safely gathered at church for worship Sunday morning at **9:30 a.m.** The service streams live from the sanctuary and participants in attendance observe strict protocols per state regulations. Log on from any device to [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org) or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#). The service is also posted later in the week to our website.

**9:30 am Worship**

**"Connections"** is published weekly for Sunday worship and every two weeks in the summer. Please submit information by

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**Are you receiving our Friday e-blast** with announcements, Connections and upcoming events? If not, contact the [church office](#).

# Connections

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**January 10-17, 2021**

## Way of the Week 5 (January 10-17, 2021)



**5. ASSUME POSITIVE INTENT.** Decide to trust that other members are being fair, honest, and concerned for the well-being of our church.<sup>a</sup> Set aside your own judgments and preconceived notions.<sup>b</sup> Surrender the urge to criticize and judge – it doesn't help.<sup>c</sup> Graciously give people the benefit of the doubt.

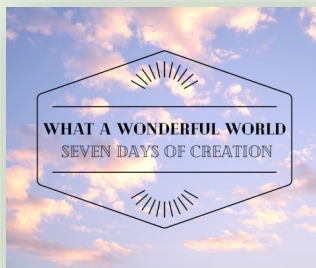
- ⇒ <sup>a</sup>Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. (1 Peter 4: 8)
- ⇒ <sup>b</sup>Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others. (Matthew 7: 1)
- ⇒ <sup>c</sup>Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. (1 Corinthians 13: 4 – 7)

**Ideas for Action:** Take a "criticism inventory." Just how critical are you, really? Ask someone you love and trust to tell you how you're doing in this area. Try a 24-hour fast from all forms of criticism. No complaining or criticism for an entire day.



### Registration Opens for Step by Step Preschool

Now is the time to register for the 2021-2022 school year at Step by Step Christian Preschool, a ministry of FPC Moorestown. **Early registration for church families and current enrollees begins January 11.** Open registration for all others will begin on January 27. Applications can be found online at [www.fpcmoorestown.org/registration](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/registration) beginning January 8<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin in September 2021 and are available for 2 ½ year olds (age 2 by April 1), 3-year olds (age 3 by Sept 30) and Pre-K students (age 4 by Sept. 30). Step by Step offers flexible options for morning or afternoon sessions for 2, 3, 4 or 5 days a week, and is open to members of the church and surrounding communities. Visit the preschool's web site for more information at <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/growth/step-by-step-preschool/> or contact director [Amy Delgado](#) at 856.235.1688, x132.



### Sermon Series

From January 3-February 14, Rev. Spencer preaches a series of sermons called, "What a Wonderful World" based on the seven days of creation. These sermons will provide a reflection on the ever-present wonder and mystery of all that God created. "God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator." (Confession of 1967). Following a difficult and demanding year, we begin 2021 rejoicing and finding renewal in the gifts of creation.

### Evening Prayer Service

We continue to see the Lord together on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm with our live streamed Evening Prayer service. Several individuals have joined Pastor Spencer in setting Thursdays as a day for Fasting and Prayer.

Our Prayer services will now be around **15 minutes** in length. On the first and fourth Thursday of each month, we'll pray about our concerns as a congregation. Your prayer requests—both joys and concerns—are welcome. Please submit to the Church Office by **9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays**. On the second Thursday, we offer a guided prayer time using the Harvest Prayer of Jesus as we seek to make disciples. On the third week, we'll be praying for the important matter of racial healing and reconciliation using a time of guided prayer.

### Annual Meeting / Reports

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held **Sunday, February 7, 2021** via Zoom webinar. Committee chairs are asked to please provide a report summarizing events of 2019-2020 to Jan Martin by **Friday, January 15**. Please email reports to [jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org). Please let Jan know if you would like to receive a copy of last year's report. Copies of the *2020 Annual Report* will be available Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 at church and online through our eblast, website and online Events page.

2021 boxed envelope sets have been mailed for your offering in the new year. Look for yours! Or this year, try [online giving](#) and go paperless.

### NJ Residents Can Now Pre-register for COVID-19 Vaccine

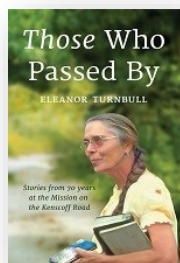
More than 600,000 New Jersey residents have registered for the COVID-19 vaccine. Go to <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine> to register now. Although the state is currently only vaccinating health care workers and residents of long-term care facilities, the public is now able to pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine.

For more information regarding the vaccine, visit the [State's COVID-19 Vaccine page](#). Encourage others to register, too!

## Missions Book Club

### **January 11, 2021 (Zoom)**

Our January Book Club will be reading Eleanor Turnbull's *Those*



*Who Passed By.* This veteran missionary traces the story of Haiti's development by what happens along the Kenscoff Road and those who travel its

bumps and curves. Throughout her nearly 70 years working in development and rural medical care, Eleanor met countless men and women who were just "passing by." These are their stories. Find the Zoom link on our [Events page](#) and website.

### **Winter Gathering by PW: Monday, January 25**

All women of the church and their guests are invited to the Presbyterian Women's Winter Gathering on **Monday, January 25** via Zoom. This evening of fellowship, information, and inspiration will feature Linda Jagiela, FPC administrator of outreach, at **7:00 pm**. Topic: *The Changing Face of Mission in the World*. Watch the online events page, eblast and website for Zoom link information.



As we have done in the past, we will be collecting **cotton socks** for clients of the Christian Caring Center. Look for a box for socks outside the Commons Lobby throughout January. All are welcome to the event.

## 2021 Pulpit Flowers

Reserve Sunday flower donations for 2021 to honor loved ones and special dates in your life. Vases are \$40 each and 2 vases are available each Sunday. To reserve your date (s), contact Rumi Sinunu at 856-266-4047 or [rts319@gmail.com](mailto:rts319@gmail.com).



## Fasting on Thursdays

Join Pastor Stuart Spencer on Thursdays for a day of full or partial fasting. However or whenever you fast on Thursdays, be sure to participate in our Evening Prayer service at 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to fast for medical reasons, plan to make Thursday a special day of prayer for yourself, our church and our nation. If there are medical or health reasons that prohibit you from fasting, please do not fast. If you're uncertain, consult your doctor before fasting. Visit our [Events page](#) and website for more information.

### **Sam Scheibe Recital Saturday, January 23 7:00 pm via Live Stream**

## Sunday Worship

Our 9:30 a.m. Sunday service is held in the sanctuary and also airs via live stream. Capacity is 75 people and 45 minutes with generously spaced seating. Please enter through the glass doors. Sanctuary doors open at 9:15 a.m. Please physically distance, wear a mask and download the [Church Center App](#) to your smart phone to facilitate a contactless check-in. [Visit our website for more information.](#)

## Spotlight on Youth

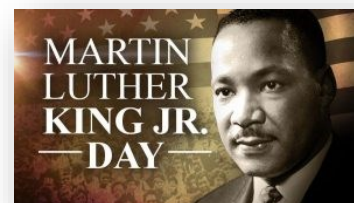
Visit the *Feature* section of our [website](#) to view a video by interim youth director Dave Fauvell (scroll down to the green Feature bar). Listen as Dave shares the very intentional way he has repackaged our youth ministry in this pandemic, and realized blessing after blessing. Our youth are incredible!

## Session Meeting

**Tuesday, January 26 (Zoom)**  
7:00 pm with Deacons

## Join the Audio Visual Team

We are looking for folks high school or older to learn our new multi-camera system and audio for the Sunday morning live stream worship. Contact either Martin Bass at [mbass@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:mbass@fpcmoorestown.org) or Steve Draszcz at [steve@gotsteve.com](mailto:steve@gotsteve.com). We will train.



### **Monday, January 18 Church & Preschool Closed**

## Annual Giving Statements

Annual giving statements for 2020 will be mailed to households in late January. Thank you for your generous giving to your church in this tumultuous year.

## The (Un)simple Truth

The adult education webinar returns in February (exact date is TBD) to conclude the series. You can view all episodes on our website [fpcmoorestown.org](http://fpcmoorestown.org) and the [\(Un\)simple Truth page](#).



# FAMILY MINISTRY

**Sunday School is back January 10!**



**Kingdom Kids:** Grades K-3  
Wednesdays 4:45-5:45 pm  
**Crossing Zone:** Grades 4-6  
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm  
**Flock:** Grades 7-8  
Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm  
**Wave:** Grades 9-12  
Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm

## Sermon Series Memory Verse

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

- Genesis 1:1

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## Kingdom Kids and Crossing Zone Winter Break

### Crossing Zone

Crossing Zone (grades 4-6th) is on winter break, returning **Wednesday, January 27, 2021**. In January, Crossing Zone returns to its previous format of a full hour 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Kingdom Kids

As we determine safest practices for the new year, we will be in communication about future Kingdom Kids (K-3rd) meetings and 2021 dates. If you are not on the email list for Kingdom Kids and would like to be please send an email to Rachel Scarborough at [rscarborough@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:rscarborough@fpcmoorestown.org).

### Questions

For questions regarding these groups, contact Holly Asciutto at 609.273.7465 (cell) or [hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org).

